

Weekend Weather

Today: Rain and thunderstorms – high 81, low 73

Saturday: Thunderstorms – high 82, low 75

Sunday: Cloudy – high 75, low 81



Congratulations to the following 8th Fighter Wing Quarterly Award winners:

Airman category: Senior Airman Yvonne Leyba, 8th Communications Squadron

NCO category: Staff Sgt. Thomas Danley, 8th Maintenance Squadron

Senior NCO category: Master Sgt.

Michael Porter, 8th Medical Operations Squadron

Company grade officer category: Capt. Dwight Hintz Jr., 8th MXS

Honor guard team member: Master Sgt. Scott Dunham, 8th CS

Civilian; crafts, trades and laborer category: Yuk, I Nam, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

Civilian; administrative and technical category: Ch'u, Chong T'aek, 8th CS

Civilian; manager, supervisor and professional category: Mun, Hong Sik, 8th CES

Job well done!



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PACAF commander launches command-wide force protection campaign

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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - Aimed at heightening security awareness among his troops, the Pacific Air Forces commander launched a command-wide Force Protection Awareness Campaign July 16.

Gen. William Begert, PACAF commander, launched the campaign in response to a prolonged real-world terrorist threat condition.

"Just as we used to be on constant alert during the Cold War when the Soviet Union was our biggest threat, we now need to resume that posture toward the very real presence and threat of terrorist attacks," said Begert. "The difference is the threat is not from one sovereign state and they don't operate in any constant or predictable manner."

During the past several weeks, military intelligence reports have shown a significant increase in the number of terrorist threats being planned against U.S. interests,

including the PACAF area of responsibility.

Begert said the goal of the campaign is to make "Force Protection second nature all the time, not just during increased Force Protection Conditions."

"I am concerned that when Force Protection Conditions are implemented for a prolonged period, as they have been for the current Force Protection Condition Alpha, that airmen may become numb to the security environment and Force Protection Condition Alpha may become Force Protection Condition Normal," Begert said.

"We must remain ever vigilant in our security measures," said the commander of more than 45,000 troops. "We can not assume that intelligence reports will be able to pinpoint the next attack. We also can assume that the next attack will be conducted in a fashion similar to those in the past -- with little or no warning and with violence."

In response to a directive from Begert, all PACAF units are taking prudent measures to implement appropriate force protection procedures over the next 30 days.

In addition, Begert directed that each base implement a Force Protection Training Day as soon as possible. During that training day, airmen will review procedures for evacuation plans, operations security, computer security, and communications security.

"We are now on a constant state of alert for terrorist attack," Begert said. "Each of us needs to practice what we have learned about personal and organizational security

on a daily basis.

"To defend ourselves from this threat, everyone must take the threat seriously in order to protect themselves, their families and their organization," he said. "Security measures must become second nature."



Begert

DACOWITS visits Kunsan

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Executive members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services met with several focus groups of men and women here Wednesday to discuss issues concerning Wolf Pack members.

The focus groups were asked to expound upon two questions: "What would you say if you had 10 minutes with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld," and "How's life at Kunsan?"

Groups averaging about 10-15 people each were given about an hour to give their thoughts on any topic of concern without fear of retribution. DACOWITS directly reports its findings to military leaders, according to Vickie McCall, chair of DACOWITS.

"We take the most prevalent issues and divide them into three categories," said McCall. "Equality management, something like promotion opportunities; forces development and utilization, like

career opportunities; and quality of life issues."

"Kunsan is a great place with very positive experiences," said McCall. "There's a real world threat here and I just want to share what a great job everyone is doing."

DACOWITS was introduced by former Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall in 1951 to advise on issues relating to women in the services.

The committee is composed of civilian women and men who are appointed by the Secretary of Defense to provide recommendations on the utilization of women in America's armed forces and on quality of life issues impacting the mission readiness of our military women. However, DACOWITS doesn't only focus on female servicemember issues, but on the issues of all servicemembers throughout all branches of the service.

For more information on DACOWITS, visit the committee's website at www.dtic.mil/dacowits/.



Photo by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal, 8th CS/VI

Vickie McCall (left), Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services chair, and Marene Allison, DACOWITS Force Development and Utilization Subcommittee vice-chair, greet 8th Security Forces Squadron members after a demonstration on Big Coyote here July 18.